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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 17, 2009, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from October 17, 2009 to January 17, 2010. Because January 17, 2010, falls on a Sunday, and January 18, 2010, is a Federal Holiday, the request is effective for a carryover to January 19, 2010, the next business day.

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